

REMARKS

Applicants have amended independent claims 16 and 36 to better define the active ingredients claimed in the present invention. Claims 17 and 29 have been amended to delete extra verbage. Applicants have also canceled claims 30, 39 and 40 and withdrawn claims 41-44 from further consideration.

No new matter has been added by this amendment. Entry is believed to be proper and respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 16-20, 22-26, 29 and 32-38 are pending. No additional claim fee is due.

RESTRICTION & ELECTION

Previously presented claims 41-44 are considered to be directed to independent and distinct invention from the invention originally claimed. The Examiner states that claims 41-44 are directed to a process of making an elastic article whereas other pending claims are directed to a product.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention relating to the product, as encompassed by pending claims 16-20, 22-26, 29 and 32-38 and withdraw claims 41-44 from further examination on the merits.

REJECTIONS

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §112 second paragraph

The Examiner rejects Claims 16-20, 22-26, 29, 30 and 32-40 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failure to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants consider as the invention. Specifically, the terms "brightener", "bleach activator", "fabric softener", "fabric conditioner", "effervescence system", "fabric care ingredient", "pharmaceutical ingredient", "cosmetic ingredient", "cleaning compositions", "fabric care compositions", "personal care compositions", "cosmetic compositions", "pharmaceutical compositions" are considered indefinite because the metes and bounds set forth by these terms cannot be ascertained.

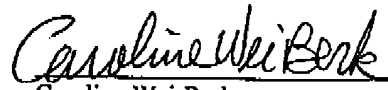
Claims 16 and 36 have been amended and claim 30 have been canceled. Thus, the rejection has been overcome. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place pending Claims 16-20, 22-26, 29 and 32-38 in condition for allowance.

In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the noted claims, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully Submitted,
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